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PRESIDENT BEGINS DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC AP-
PLAUSE AT MANHATTAN
CLUB BANQUET.

New York, Nov. 5.—President Wilson opened the administration campaign for its national defense program in a comprehensive and carefully prepared address delivered here tonight at the Manhattan club banquet. He declared solemnly that the United States had no aggressive purposes, but must be prepared to defend itself in order to assume "full liberty and self-development." Significantly, he said that "with ourselves in this great matter we associate all the peoples of our own hemisphere", adding that "we wish not only for the United States, but for them the fullest freedom of independent growth of action."

The President was received with enthusiastic applause as he entered the banquet hall and during his address. The hall was decorated with American flags and filled even to the galleries with Democrats happy over their victory of Tuesday in New York City. When the President arose to speak every one applauded until he was forced to signal for quiet.

"Within a year," said the President "we have witnessed what we did not think possible, a great European conflict involving many of the greatest nations of the world. The influence of the great war are everywhere in the air. All Europe is in battle. Force everywhere speaks out with a loud and imperious voice in a titanic struggle of government and from one end of our own dear country to the other men are asking one another what our own force is, how far we are prepared to maintain ourselves against any interference with our national action or development."

The President called upon "men of all shades of political opinion" to rally to the support of the defense program. He said it represented "the best professional and expert opinion of the country," and gave warning that "if men differ with me in this vital matter, I shall ask them to make it clear how far and in what way they are interested in making the permanent interests of the country safe against disturbances."

There is no need for the country to feel panic-stricken, the President declared: because it stands in friendly relations with the world. He spoke of the United States as "a nation too big and generous to be exacting, but yet courageous enough to defend its rights and liberties of its people wherever assailed or involved."

The President declared that the navy already is a "very great and efficient force," but that in order to bring it to a point of "extraordinary force and efficiency" a definite policy must be adopted and hastened, and an adequate supply of men and equipment provided.

Just before the dinner the President shook hands with all the guests, including Chas. F. Murphy.

Henry Watterson, of Louisville, who had been designated by the dinner committee to speak immediately after President Wilson sent his regrets in a letter read to the diners.

Mr. Watterson wrote that he regretted being unable to attend the fiftieth anniversary of the Manhattan club, which was founded "to save the Democratic party from threatened destruction."

"When the club was founded," he wrote, "the democratic party had been trampled under the feet of marching armies, its vitality arrested by division and defeat, and its principles obscured by battle clouds. I regret that I cannot be with you to rejoice in this occasion."

Each time the President appeared on the streets today he was applauded.

JASPER CARLISLE DEAD.

Mr. Jasper Carlisle, one of the old citizens of the town died at the home of Mr. J. L. Hill several days ago, and was buried at Long Cane. He had been sick for some time, but it was not thought that he was seriously sick. He died suddenly and alone.

He was a great reader of the newspapers. Quiet in his manner, and of a retiring disposition, he nevertheless made many friends who will miss him.

ABBEVILLE NEEDS NEW JAIL BUILDING

Mr. A. D. Oliphant, of the State Board of Charities and Corrections Gives His Views.

The remodeling of the interior of the Abbeville county jail or the erection of a new jail building as soon as possible, is considered highly desirable by A. D. Oliphant, the assistant secretary of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, who inspected the institution on October 21 and returned to Abbeville on November 3 to visit the city jail, the county almshouse, and the county chaingang camps. Mr. Oliphant suggested that it might be found practicable to sell part of the jail lot to defray some of the cost of making the alterations in the present jail or of building a new jail.

"I base my opinion that Abbeville should build a new jail or extensively remodel its present jail," explained Mr. Oliphant, "on the fact that the structure is a fire trap, that the cells are poorly ventilated and lighted and that there are no sewerage fixtures for the use of the prisoners."

The jail building, though very old, is solidly constructed and in a good state of preservation as far as the foundations and outer walls are concerned, except for a crack from top to bottom in the western wall caused by an earthquake.

"The exterior corridors around the cell blocks on the second and third floors are well ventilated," continued the representative of the State Board of Charities and Corrections. "The cells, however, are ventilated by means of a grating of flat two inch iron bars four feet wide and six feet high. Since the cells are solidly enclosed except for these gratings there is no circulation of air in them. Very little sunlight gets into any of the cells. As a consequence of this lack of air and sunlight, the cells in the Abbeville jail are unsanitary and unfit places to confine human beings. I am satisfied that the jailer does the best he can to make the cells habitable, but he cannot overcome the handicap of their poor construction. This the county should remedy at the earliest possible moment."

The State Board of Charities and Corrections, created by the last session of the general assembly, has visitatorial and advisory powers over all the penal, charitable and correctional institutions in South Carolina. Mr. W. N. Graydon, representative from Abbeville county, introduced the bill in the house to create the Board. It was largely due to Mr. Graydon's strong advocacy of the measure that the house passed it by a large majority.

The Board as a whole or by committee has paid its first visit to the State penal, charitable and correctional institutions. The visiting of county and municipal jails and chaingangs, and county almshouses is being done as rapidly as is consistent with thoroughness by Albert S. Johnstone, secretary of the Board, and A. D. Oliphant, his assistant.

"The Board intends to work in the closest co-operation with the officials in charge of the various institutions over which it has visitatorial and advisory powers," said Mr. Oliphant in talking of the work he is doing. "Where the Board or its agents find in an institution undesirable conditions which the official in charge of it can remedy they go to him and ask him to correct it. In cases where the official in charge of an institution as in your county jail, cannot bring about better conditions, then the Board or its agents appeal directly to the public to apply the remedy."

The Board will report to the State Board of Health on sanitary conditions in penal institutions in the State.

Mr. Oliphant brought with him to Abbeville a model of a portable house designed as quarters for convicts as county chaingangs by Secretary Johnstone. Supervisor Willimon of Greenville, has had one of these portable houses built for the use of one of his five chaingangs in Greenville county. It is believed that the portable house designed by the secretary of the Board has marked advantages over both tents and "cages" as a place in which to keep convicts serving sentences on the chaingangs.

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G. A. VISANSKA PASSES TO THE GREAT BEYOND

Esteemed and Valued Citizen Answers Death's Call
Wednesday Morning, After a Long and Useful Career---Buried in Columbia

On last Wednesday morning, at about six o'clock, Mr. G. A. Visanska, a leading merchant and business man of this city, was claimed by death. Mr. Visanska was in his seventy-ninth year, and until a year ago had been in good health for a man of his years. About that time, however, his family and friends noticed that he was not his accustomed self. His health continued to fail until he was forced, several weeks ago, to give up business. Since that time he has been at his home, confined to his bed. He suffered a great deal in spite of the most faithful attendance from his family and his physician, and death came to him as a relief from his sufferings.

George Aaron Visanska, was born in the city of Suwalki, Poland, Feb. 14, 1837, of Jewish parentage. In 1853, when only sixteen years of age, he came to America to make this country his home. He landed in Charleston and was in that city for a time but he soon removed to Abbeville county, going to Due West in 1854, as a clerk for Moses Winstock, then a merchant at that place.

In December, 1860, he was married to a daughter of Mr. Winstock,

betterment of the city and county of his adoption. For a great many years he was in business with Mr. Philip Rosenberg, who married his oldest daughter, under the name of P. Rosenberg & Co. On account of his health Mr. Rosenberg quit business some years ago, and since then Mr. Visanska has been the head of The Rosenberg Mercantile Co., which succeeded the old firm.

He was a stockholder in the National and Farmers Banks and at one time and another has been a director in both. He took an active part in organizing and building the Abbeville Cotton Mills, and has been the Vice-President and an active director in that institution since work was first begun on it. He was largely responsible too for the completion of the new Hotel here.

He was a man of large heart, and his abundant means in recent years made it possible for him to assist many people. Consequently he did a large business in every section of the county, especially near Abbeville, and was known in this way to a very large number of people in the county. We believe he was known to more people than perhaps



GEORGE AARON VISANSKA

Annie. She died on Nov. 4th, 1888, just twenty-seven years before the day of the funeral of her husband. To them were born several children, the following living to maturity: Julius M. Visanska, of Charleston, Walter W. and Samuel A., of Atlanta, Ernest L., of Charleston, and Mrs. Philip Rosenberg and Miss Belle Visanska, of this city.

At the outbreak of the War Between the States, Mr. Visanska volunteered as a soldier of the Confederacy, becoming a member of 20 S. C. Vol., but on account of his health he was soon after assigned to duty in Richmond in Lieut. Poindexter's office, in the conscription service, and here he served until the fall of Richmond, in 1865.

After the war, he farmed for a time, and was engaged in one way and another in mercantile pursuits until the year 1873, when he moved to Abbeville and opened business in the store now occupied by Mr. D. Poliakoff. He succeeded as a merchant from the first, but his capital being small, it took him a good many years to be of much financial standing. For the last twenty-five years he has been one of the leading merchants here, and one of the leading

figures in every movement for the

any other merchant in the county. His transactions with his customers was always satisfactory. He was always ready to do the right thing, and his dealings were fair and just. If he did any man an injustice he was quick to correct it and to make it right. He was a man of the keenest insight into human nature, and his business judgment was not surpassed by any man we have known. He reached some conclusions only after mature deliberation, and he was usually right.

He was a liberal contributor to every good cause, always taking a keen interest in the activities of those engaged in charity or benevolent work. He helped the people of churches other than his own when they needed help. Everyone knew they could turn to him for assistance in every deserving enterprise.

Mr. Visanska has reared a remarkable family. His sons have all gone out from Abbeville and taken their places in the business world, and all of them are men of character and standing in the callings which they have chosen.

Julius M. Visanska, his oldest son, is one of the leading merchants and business men of Charleston. He in-

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MANY BABIES WERE EXAMINED

Ninety-five Babies Entered and Seventy-four Were Examined. A Fair First of Kind Held Here.

The Better Baby Contest held last Wednesday in the court house, under the auspices of the Civic Club, was a most successful affair. Women's Clubs and philanthropic organizations are holding such affairs all over the United States and much good for sick and puny babies is being accomplished. The one Wednesday was the first of the kind ever held in Abbeville and much interest was taken in it from the first.

Ninety-five babies were registered and of this number seventy-four were on hand and were examined and graded. The babies were divided into three classes and all day long the mothers were coming with their children. The men displayed much interest in the baby contest and all day there was a generous sprinkling of men on hand.

Score cards were filled out and a complete history of the child given. The examinations were for mentality, dental, eye, nose and throat, physical, as to nourishment and the weight and measurements.

Miss Mary E. Frayser, of the Home Economics Department, of Winthrop College, was present and had with her the very excellent exhibit which was so much admired at the State Fair. Miss Frayser showed a set of clothes and the most sanitary and convenient feeding bottles for babies, a home made playing box, a wire covered case for the keeping of food by people who cannot get ice, and the right and wrong kind of cart to use. Miss Frayser lent valuable assistance to the club women, which was greatly appreciated.

Abbeville was unusually fortunate in the physicians who came to Abbeville and gave of their time and thought for the betterment of the coming generation. Dr. William Weston was here from Columbia. He made a short talk to the ladies emphasizing the proper feeding of children, illustrating his talk with one baby, which had been sick all summer and whose mother was seeking advice. Dr. Weston is known all over the state as an expert in the ills that pertain to childhood.

Dr. E. W. Carpenter who has just returned to Greenville from New York, came straight to Abbeville and made the examinations of the eye, ear, nose and throat, which is his special work. He is interested in and approves of the better baby movement and he made a short talk along the lines of the treatment of the tonsils and adenoids.

Dr. H. B. Malone of Chester, was another visiting physician. He would not consent to make a talk, but it was a pleasing sight indeed to see the doctor handle the babies. He won their affections at once and the Civic Club looks forward with pleasure to having him come to Abbeville again.

Dr. Jesse Bell, of Due West, one of the most prominent physicians of the county, was present, and gave of his valuable time to this good movement. He is interested in the welfare of the little folks and contributed much to the good which will be accomplished by the examinations. Aside from these distinguished men the physicians of Abbeville lent valuable assistance as did the three dentists of the city.

There was sincere disappointment expressed that Dr. Visanska could not deliver his lecture on the "Correct method of putting on a diaper." Dr. Visanska is an Abbeville boy and our people take an affectionate interest in him and rejoice in the fact that this lecture has been so highly spoken of all over the United States, many of the leading medical journals giving him the most flattering notices.

It will be several days before the averages are made up and it will be known who gets the prize for the most perfect baby, both mentally and physically. This prize, which is a handsome cup, is offered by Dr. G. A. Neuffer.

Two other prizes have been offered by the Infant's Novelty Department of the Davison-Paxon-Stokes Company of Atlanta. These prizes are a pair of brushes for the best boy under one year of age, and a dainty record book for the best girl under one year of age. These prizes are

BRYAN OPPOSES PRESIDENT'S PLAN

ISSUES STATEMENT CENSURING
ADMINISTRATION'S DEFENSE
PROGRAM.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Bryan came out squarely against President Wilson's national defense plan in a formal statement of about 1,100 words in which he took issue with the president's views as expressed last night before the Washington Manhattan club in New York.

"The departure from our traditions and reversal of our national policy is a menace to our peace and safety and a challenge to the spirit of Christianity which teaches us to influence others by example rather than by exciting fear," is Bryan's views of the plan.

The statement, which reiterates the view previously expressed on the subject of preparedness for war, is regarded as the opening gun in the fight of which administration leaders expect in congress against the adoption of the plan.

Bryan says he read the president's speech "with sorrow and concern," but believes President Wilson is doing what he believes is his duty, and declares he does not intend to criticize but must dissent. The policy the president announced has never before been adopted by this country Bryan says, nor endorsed by any party. He declares the president has no way of knowing whether he has correctly interpreted the will of the public until he hears from the people.

After declaring the reversal of the national policy Bryan says "the president says we should be prepared, not for aggression but for defense," and "that is the ground on which preparation for war is made." He asserts it is only fair to assume none of the rulers of Europe, now fighting were prepared for other than defense."

It is a false philosophy and inevitably leads to difficulties. It is the spirit that makes an individual carry a revolver and leads him not only to use it on slight provocation but use language provoking trouble. "Speak softly but carry a big stick" is one of the delusive maxims employed by those who put faith in force. The man who uses soft language has no disposition to carry a club and the man with a soft voice persuaded to carry a club changes his voice as he begins to rely on the club."

Bryan says the nation is not threatened and infinite harm will be done neighboring nations as well as ourselves by the proposed policy. He declares he does not believe taxpayers want the sum now spent increased.

SEVEN MILLION BALES GINNED TO FIRST NOVEMBER

Washington, Nov. 8.—The fourth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of Census Bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt, and issued at 10 a. m., today, announced that 7,384,877 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to November 1. That compares with 9,826,912 bales, or 61.8 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to November 1, last year, 8,830,396 bales or 63.2 per cent in 1913 and 8,869,222 bales, or 65.8 per cent in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to November 1 in the past ten years was 7,954,534 bales or 62.0 per cent of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 69,204 round bales, compared with 23,182 last year, 61,577 in 1913 and 54,539 in 1912.

beautiful and have been on exhibition at Johnson's Jewelry Store since last Wednesday. Dr. Visanska mentioned the Abbeville contest to the manager, Miss Evans, of the Atlanta firm's novelty department, and having the interest of babies at heart, she at once sent the prizes, stipulating that they should be given at the ages named.

Abbeville people are agreed that this was one of the most interesting and helpful entertainments ever held in the city. The physicians were agreed that they had never seen a finer lot of babies.

The success of the contest is due to the capable management of Mrs. D. A. Rogers, the chairman of the Health Department of the Civic Club,